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SUBJECT: URANIUM DISCOVERY IN MOZAMBIQUE TANZANIA REPORTED

1. AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN REPRESENTING GERMAN FIRM GEOSURVEY TOLD EMBASSY AND GPRM THAT GEOSURVEY AERIAL HEAT SENSITIVE PHOTOGRAPHY HAS REVEALED A LARGE URANIUM DEPOSIT ON THE TANZANIA MOZAMBIQUE BORDER (APPROXIMATELY 38 DEGREES ON LOGITUDE GEOSURVEY TOLD NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF GEOLOGY AND MINES RUI SANTOS GARICA THAT THEY WERE QUOTE 95 PERCENT SURE UNQUOTE OF FINDING URANIUM IN THE AREA AND ESTIMATED THAT THE MOZAMBIQUE DEPOSITS ALONE ARE TEN THOUSAND TO TWENTY THOUSAND TONS, WITH A COMMERCIAL VALUE OF ONE BILLION DOLLARS. GEO-SURVEY HAS ALSO INFORMED THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT OF THE PROBABLE FIND.

2. COMMENT; GARCIA DESCRIBED THE AREA AS UNEXPLORED GEO-LOGICALLY AND IS EAGER TO FOLLOW UP GEOSURVEY'S REQUEST
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FOR MORE TALKS. WHILE SIZE AND VALUE OF FIND MAY BE INFLATED BY GEOSURVEY SALES HYPERBOLE, MOZAMBIQUE BADLY NEEDS THE FOREIGN EXCHANGE MINING CAN BRING AND WOULD PROBABLY WELCOME A JOINT VENTURE FOR EXPLOITATION OF ANY COMMERCIALY PROFITABLE URANIUM.
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